

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users  
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)

The following application has been submitted to change a water right in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION TO CHANGE A WATER RIGHT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/>.

**OBJECTION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2016.** THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT OBJECTIONS FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$25.00 FILING FEE TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, TO OBTAIN THE PD OR OBJECTION FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 2273 BOOT HILL COURT, SUITE 110, BOZEMAN, MT 59715-7249 FAX: 406-587-9726 PHONE: 406-586-3136.

**Application Number :** 41F 30104013

**Applicant :** SUN WEST RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSN  
3 GILDRED LN  
CAMERON, MT 59720 9678

**WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED**

<b>Water Right Type</b>	<b>Water Right Number</b>	<b>Priority Date</b>
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	41F 127287-00	OCTOBER 22, 1912

**PAST USE OF WATER**

LIVESTOCK WATERED FROM A DITCH SYSTEM THAT CONVEYED WATER BOTH FOR LIVESTOCK USE AND FOR IRRIGATION USE. THE POINT OF DIVERSION WAS ON HORSE CREEK, WITH WATER DIVERTED AT A RATE OF 5.95 CFS THROUGH A LOG AND TARP DIVERSION AND CONVEYED THROUGH THE D-6 DITCH (A.K.A., UPPER SPRAGUE DITCH). THE POINT OF DIVERSION AND PLACE OF USE ARE IN MADISON COUNTY.

**PROPOSED CHANGE**

THIS IS A MULTIPLE-USE LIVESTOCK WATER CLAIM. THE IRRIGATION WATER RIGHTS ARE BEING CHANGED TO INSTREAM FLOW FOR THE BENEFIT OF FISHERIES. THIS CHANGE PROPOSES TO CHANGE LIVESTOCK WATER TO DIRECT FROM HORSE CREEK. THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO CHANGE THE PLACE OF USE (POU) AND POINT OF DIVERSION (POD) OF STOCK WATER RIGHT 41F 127287 00 TO THE REACH FROM A POINT IN THE SWSWNW OF SECTION 20, T10S, R1E, MADISON COUNTY TO THE CONFLUENCE OF HORSE CREEK WITH THE MADISON RIVER.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION INVOLVED TWO WATER RIGHTS: 41F 138425 00 (IR) AND 41F 127287 00 (ST). HOWEVER, THE APPLICATION WAS LATER SPLIT INTO TWO SEPARATE APPLICATIONS. APPLICATION 41F 30070072 IS TO TEMPORARILY CHANGE THE IRRIGATION RIGHT TO INSTREAM FLOW FOR THE BENEFIT OF FISHERIES. APPLICATION 41F 30104013 IS TO PERMANENTLY CHANGE THE POD AND POU OF THE STOCK RIGHT TO ALLOW STOCK TO DRINK DIRECTLY FROM HORSE CREEK.

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